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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain pending.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Kim for the helpful and courteous discussion held with their representative on March 18, 2003. During that discussion, the rejection over the cited reference was discussed.

The rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Quarto di Palo et al., The International Journal of Artificial Organs, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1978, pp. 112-113, is respectfully traversed. Quarto di Palo et al. fail to suggest the claimed method.